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For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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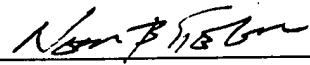
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: **“Non-Linear Multi-Variate Analysis-Approach by Neural Network”** is mentioned on page 16 of the present specification on page 16. **“Empirical Model-Building and Response Surfaces”** is mentioned on page 39 of the present specification.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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